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Mr. Scott Redd

Dear Scott:

It was good to hear from you again and also to learn that you are doing so well. Thanks for sending along the clipping on the King winning the award. Best wishes for the holidays and look forward to seeing you some time next year if you come through Washington.

Sincerely,

Harry
Henry S. Rowen

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USS King named top ship in Atlantic Fleet

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BATH — Less than five months after receiving top naval honors for outstanding performance while on deployment in the Mediterranean, the guided missile destroyer USS King — now docked at Bath Iron Works for a year-long overhaul — has bested 118 Atlantic Fleet ships to earn the Marjorie Sterret Award.

Word of both honors reached ears of the 30-member crew during the King's docking at BIW. The latest message was received last week in the form of a telegram from Commodore R.D. Frey, commander of Destroyer Squadron Two.

"It's a feather in the crew's cap," commented King Cdr. John Scott Redd.

The award, bestowed by Admiral James D. Watkins, chief of naval operations, recognizes the crew's professionalism and dedication to duty in addition to participation in community service activities. The award is presented annually to two ships — one based with the Atlantic Fleet and one based with the Pacific Fleet. The other ship receiving the award is the USS Bainbridge.

The Navy began the award program in 1916

due to the efforts of a 13-year-old youngster during World War I mobilization. Marjorie Sterret then wrote the New York Tribune, explaining that she couldn't follow her grandfather's footsteps in military service, but instead forwarded her 10-cent weekly allowance as a donation to help Uncle Sam build a battleship. Naval officials, captivated by her gesture, established an annual Marjorie Sterret Battleship Fund Award.

The honor conveys a monetary award that will translate to \$1,300 for the King, which the crew's welfare and recreation committee will use to benefit the full crew, possibly by purchasing recreational equipment.

"It's really very special," said Cdr. Redd. "All too many of our awards involve intangible rewards."

In addition to the monetary award the crew will share, mention of the Sterret award will be included in each crew member's military service record.

The King's accomplishments that led to the award include winning the "top hand" award issued last June by the Sixth Fleet commander for outstanding performance as a unit of Battle Force Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean, receiving the "Battle E"

citation for running a clean sweep of every eligible departmental award, recognition as a finalist for the Commander Naval Surface Fleet Atlantic's anti-air warfare award and citations for excellence in all mission areas from seamanship from supply.

The Sterrett award also recognizes the King's community service contributions while the ship has been in port at Bath, Norfolk, Va., and on deployment in the Mediterranean.

Since the King arrived at Bath last April, members of the crew have participated in a multiple sclerosis bike-a-thon and blood donor drives organized by the Bath-Brunswick chapter of the American Red Cross. Members of the crew soon plan to launch a Big Brother program in conjunction with Bath schools.

Recently, King crew members contributed \$19,135 to the military's annual Combined Federal Campaign, which funds more than 100 charitable organizations. The total represented 192 percent of the ship's goal. All crew members participated, enabling the King to become top campaign contributor in the Destroyer Squadron Two group.